

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) have risen to epic proportions in the world and nation; and,

*Whereas*, HIV and AIDS know neither race, gender, age nor class boundary; and,

*Whereas*, Native Americans are disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS, both nationally and in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, The incidence of HIV/AIDS in South Dakota continues to increase:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2007, as

## *NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY*

in South Dakota, and I hereby urge all citizens to educate themselves on the implications of HIV and AIDS.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Ch. Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State